



**HOPKINTON FIRE DISTRICT**  
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Commissioners Meeting – February 9, 2012

Present: Frank Barney, Gerald Goldsworth, Mike Opal, Dale Nicholson, Jim Hollenbeck, Sue Wood

Guest: Ernie Wood, Steve Parker, Ronald Streeter

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Frank Barney, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Additional items to the agenda included rescue rope and replacement hose under new business and capital reserve, E61 and local audits under old business. Mike Opal (Dale Nicholson) made a motion to accept the agenda as revised. All in favor; motion carried.

Jim Hollenbeck (Dale Nicholson) made a motion to accept the minutes from the January 2012 organizational meeting. All in favor; motion carried. Dale Nicholson (Jim Hollenbeck) made a motion to accept the minutes from the January regular meeting. All in favor; motion carried.

The following bills were presented for payment:

- National Grid \$141.22 (pre-paid)
- Econo Fuels \$1709.73
- Northern NY Newspapers \$13.30
- Northern Fire Equipment \$135.20
- Nicholville Telephone Co. \$63.88
- Champlain Communications \$664.80
- Environmental Health Screening \$75.00
- AFDSNY Fire Commissioner Training \$85.00
- McNeil & Company \$8216.00

Dale Nicholson (Mike Opal) made a motion to approve payment of bills. All in favor; motion carried.

The February financial report was presented. The beginning balance was \$20,355.87. A deposit of \$1,000 was made with the funds from the DEC grant. After payment of the above bills, there will be a balance of \$10,251.74. Dale Nicholson (Jim Hollenbeck) made a motion to accept the financial report. All in favor; motion carried.

Chief's Report: More of the building has been cleaned up. The valve for ETA44 has been returned from repair. The running boards have been installed on ETA49. The pump on ETA49 shifting works better. The shore lines on ETA44 have been fixed. There are no parts available for the foam system on E61. The radio on E41 has been installed as well as a new flashlight on the console. Air pack inspections have been completed. Chief Streeter reported that two (2) pagers were lost and one (1) 1-3/4" x 100' rubber attack line was damaged at the last fire. He will contact the insurance company. Jim has been keeping the driveway and fill sites plowed and sanded. A District Five meeting was held on February 7. An inventory of equipment was discussed among the neighboring departments.

Calls for the month included:

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| • 1/27/12 | MVA on SH 458                          | 6 members  |
| • 2/5/12  | Standby in Nicholville                 | 6 members  |
| • 2/8/12  | House Fire - Days Mills Road           | 12 members |
| • 2/8/12  | Recall to house fire – Days Mills Road | 10 members |
| • 2/9/12  | Recall to house fire – Days Mills Road | 5 members  |

Mike Opal (Jim Hollenbeck) made a motion to accept the chief's report. All in favor; motion carried.

#### New Business

- Sue distributed copies of the 2011 annual financial report which was filed on-line. Dale Nicholson (Jim Hollenbeck) made a motion to accept this annual report. All in favor; motion carried.
- Jim reported that the running boards on the driver's side of ETA49 are getting punky.
- Jonathan Burnett needs turnout gear. Matt Austin will be returning his gear. If this gear does not work for Jonathan, new turn out gear should be purchased. Dale Nicholson (Mike Opal) made a motion to have the chief purchase new gear if suitable gear is not located. All in favor; motion carried.
- A letter of resignation was received from Joe VanElls. Jim Hollenbeck (Dale Nicholson) made a motion to accept his resignation. All in favor; motion carried.
- Chief Streeter notified the commissioners of the intent to send a truck to the Tri- Town parade on February 11.
- The gas pump hose has a crack and is leaking. Chief Streeter will order a new hose.
- A discussion was held on the purchase of rescue rope. The law is in place and we need to look at ordering. During the District 5 meeting, Rich Fountain presented what Dickinson Fire Department has. They (Dickinson Fire) spent approximately \$600/person. We would only need to purchase for the 8-10 interior firemen. Ernie Wood reported he knows of a business that would come here to sew in the harnesses. The new gear already has this built in. Steve Parker has checked into the kits and it would cost about \$450.

- One of the hoses was damaged during the fire. The chief will report this to the insurance company.

#### Old Business

- Once the district receives the money from the town, we will look to establish the capital reserve fund. It was suggested to establish two (2) funds: Building reserve and an improvement fund.
- Discussion was held on the audits that have been completed on local departments.

Dale Nicholson (Jim Hollenbeck) made a motion to adjourn the meeting. All in favor; motion carried.  
Meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Sue Wood, Secretary